

OLD DEBT CASE LOST BY STATE

Of the Original Debt West Virginia Owes Little More Than \$7,000,000.

QUESTION OF INTEREST

Is Left by the Court to the States to Settle by Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—The United States supreme court today held that \$7,182,597 is the proportion of \$33,000,000, the old Virginia state debt, which West Virginia is under obligations to bear. The court left the final details, including the question of interest, to the states to decide by conference. Justice Holmes, who announced the opinion, said that the court had regarded the ratio of the valuation of the real and personal property of the two states at the time of their separation as a proper basis for arriving at West Virginia's proportion of the debt. The court excluded from this valuation the value of slaves. Justice Holmes said the ratio was as .765 to .235. The thirty-three million dollar debt would have been divided according to this ratio, he said, had not Virginia by subsequent legislation changed the amount to be apportioned. Justice Holmes said Virginia induced its creditors to accept twenty million dollars as its share of the

COAL RATE CASES ARE BEING HEARD

In Washington Before An Examiner of Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—The West Virginia coal rate cases favoring freight rates from the various coal fields of the state to the lakes were taken up today before an examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Norfolk and Western rates taken up first, and testimony as to rates from the Pocahontas field was introduced, these rates being compared with the rates from other fields. The hearing is the result of a protest against an increase in rates announced by the railroads.

YOUNG MAN JAILED

For Riding in a Box Car on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Edward Ricer and James Gregory, young men of Monongah, are serving sentences of ten days each in the county jail as a result of riding in a box car on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in this county. They were arrested Monday morning at Salem by O. S. Cole, a member of the B. & O. police force, and were brought to Justice Samuel W. Gordon's court in this city. They were convicted there of unlawful trespassing upon property of the railroad and were sentenced to serve ten days each in jail in default of paying fines of \$1 and costs each.

A. G. Post, of Jarvisville, was in the city Monday on business.

EIGHT TAKE PART IN FIERCE AFFRAY

Several Are Injured, One Seriously, and Two Men Are Put Under Arrest.

A drunken affray at an alleged resort at Industrial Sunday morning an hour or two after midnight has resulted in the arrest of two men on charges of felonious assault with intent to kill and constables are looking for two or three other persons who took part. George Drady and James Johnson are the persons who have been ar

RETIRED MEMBERS SUGGEST PERSONS

DAYTON SUSTAINED

By the Circuit Court of Appeals in a Charles Town Case.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 2.—Judge Benjamin F. Keller, of the United States court for the southern district of West Virginia, has been designated as one of the members of the United States circuit court of appeals at Richmond, Va., for the May term. In a decision handed down at Richmond, the United States circuit court of appeals has affirmed the opinion of Judge Dayton of the Northern district of West Virginia in the case of the Charles Town Light and Power Company against C. J. Devore and others. In this opinion the selling of electric light and power is held to be a mercantile pursuit and therefore subject to the bankruptcy laws. The company denied being engaged in a mercantile pursuit.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued by the county clerk to Marcelino Garcia and Marie Georgia Gonzalez.

MURDERER TAKEN

In a Barn Today and No Resistance is Made by Him.

ELWOOD, Ind., Mar. 6.—James Walker, who Saturday night shot and killed Patrolman Virgil Kirkman and probably fatally wounded Chief of Police Ellis, both of Alexandria, after robbing a jewelry store and then escaped, was captured this morning in a barn on a farm five miles south of Elwood. He made no resistance.

PICKPOCKET GETS BIG SUM OFF BROKER

Takes An Envelope Containing \$100,000 in Securities on Way to Bank.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Securities to the value of \$100,000 were picked from the pocket of George Bancroft, a broker, while on the way to deposit them Thursday. The thief substituted an envelope for the one taken and Bancroft did not discover the loss until today.

BUILDING BOOM IN SUBURB.

Sixteen building permits were granted by the town council of Stealey Heights at a meeting held Saturday night. All were for dwelling houses to be erected by different persons. This is quite a record for a young municipality.

rested. They are accused of feloniously assaulting and beating William Spuylock, who is now under the care of a physician suffering from a fractured collar bone, a flesh wound in one arm caused by a pistol shot, several cuts, bruises and other injuries. Justice G. H. Gordon and Constable Thomas R. Kearns arrested Drady at Abraham Gory's house at Industrial and Johnson at his livery store at the baseball park Sunday night. Drady furnished bond

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Ninety Persons Burn to Death In a Moving Picture Theater

And Forty Others Are Injured in the City of St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 6.—Ninety persons many of whom were children were burned to death and forty others injured in a fire that destroyed a moving picture theater at Bologoye Sunday.

STATE FARES

Well in the Matter of Appropriation for Public Building Sites.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—While the war claims bill was killed in the Senate after it had passed the House, leaving a lot of West Virginia claims for damages done to private property during the Civil War unsettled, the sundry civil bill, including a lot of appropriations for West Virginia public buildings and sites, went through without amendment in that respect. Every appropriation in the bill for West Virginia was agreed to by the Senate and all the public buildings and sites authorized will now be provided.

NOON CONCERTS

Are to Be Played Daily at the Waldo Hotel by Cadenza Orchestra.

As an added feature of the fifty cent American plan luncheons at the Waldo, which are proving to be quite popular, orchestra concerts will be held in the lobby of the hotel daily at noon hereafter. The concert will begin at 12:15 and continue until 1:15 each day. The Cadanza orchestra will play these concerts and it will continue playing the nightly concerts as it has in the past.

An excellent program was executed by the orchestra Sunday evening and it was enjoyed by an unusually large number of people, among whom were many families of the city. The entire membership of the Cadanza orchestra took part and the music was very good.

CONFERENCE

On Rate Question is Held Between Commission and Trunk Line Men.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—A conference between the Interstate Commerce Commission and important officials of eastern trunk lines was held here today regarding the cancellation of proposed advances in rates in the official classification of territory.

SILVER FOUND

In the Mountains of Monroe and Summers Counties, This State.

FAYETTEVILLE, March 6.—The Commonwealth Lumber Company owners of Keeney's Knob mountain on the edge of Monroe and Summers counties have had a test made of some ore found in the mountain. The assays find it to contain 36.22 ounces per ton silver, which at 51 cents per ounce makes the value of the ore \$18.25 per ton.

S. A. SMITH

Is Elected a Director of Clarksburg Industrial Company.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Clarksburg Industrial Company Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the court house, S. A. Smith was elected a director, vice Anthony Bowen, resigned, and the other members of the old board of directors were re-elected. Last year's officers were re-elected. J. Horner Davis is president of the company.

RECENT VISITORS.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Among recent visitors here were Charles S. Dice, of Lewisburg, who may be appointed judge of the new circuit of that county; A. P. Garden, formerly chief of the capital police, now of Wheeling; C. L. Shaver, of Fairmont; and Lee Redman of Ravenswood.

HUBBARD HOPES TO BE SENATOR

Plans Are Already Under Way For King George's Coronation



KING GEORGE V. will be crowned June 22, and already preparations for the ceremonies are under way, and the spring social season is to be unusually gay. In addition to the two state dinner parties in connection with the coronation, at which all the royal and distinguished guests will be entertained, King George will give a number of private dinners at Buckingham palace to his more intimate friends. The London police are considerably agitated over the possibility of anarchists making an outbreak during the coronation, as London will be full of monarchs and members of royal families. Heretofore the anarchists have not been molested in England under a tacit agreement that they were to perpetrate no crimes there, but were to confine their activities to other countries. The route of the royal procession on coronation day was recently made public, and speculation in seats along the way at once became active. Some rooms that command a good view of the route are held at \$2,500 for the day, single seats sell at \$15 each, and it is expected that competition will make it possible for a desirable window to bring \$5,000. The picture above is made from the latest photograph of the man for whom all this pomp, ceremony and splendor have been devised. It shows clearly the facial expression of England's titular ruler.

CASE WITHDRAWN BY THE SHIPPERS

At Bluefield Against the Norfolk and Western and Other Roads.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—The Bluefield Shippers' Association which recently filed a voluminous complaint against the Norfolk and Western and other railroads alleging discrimination against shippers to and from Bluefield has decided to withdraw the complaint. J. W. Ruff, J. M. Andrews and C. O. Wright, accompanied by Judge Rits, their attorney, arrived here this morning at a committee of the association to call off the case which was set for a hearing Wednesday.

THIRTY INJURED

By Collapsing Roof and Leaping from Windows at a Fire.

CLEVELAND, Mar. 6.—Thirty persons were injured three of whom may die, in a fire that destroyed a three-story apartment building this morning here. Some were hurt through the collapse of the roof but most of them by leaping from windows.

IS RECOVERING.

Mrs. Calder Bailey, of Salem, is today to begin formulation of a program which may include selections of all standing committees as well as a decision in regard to the extent

Will Be a Candidate in the Year 1913 to Succeed Watson.

MR. GAINES AT LARGE

For Congressman from This State is Now More Political Dope.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—West Virginians were much in evidence about the capitol during the closing hours of Congress. Aside from Congressman-elect Hamilton, who was detained at home by business, every member of the new delegation from the state was present to witness the end of the Sixty-first Congress. And they saw the most exciting finish any Congress has had for many years. Senator Chilton, occupying a seat in the Senate chamber, by his right as a senator-elect, watched the proceedings in that body, while Congressman-elect John W. Davis, W. G. Brown and Adam Littlepage were in the House at the finish. Congressman Hughes, the only old member from the state who will also be a member of the next House, was in his seat, having just returned from Cincinnati, where he went for treatment for an affection of the eyes. All the retiring Congressmen from the state and Senator Scott were also present, so that West Virginia had more statesmen of both parties present than it has had at the closing of any Congress for many years.

All the older members have gone to their homes, except that Senator Scott expects to remain in Washington and engage in business here. He will retain his apartments at the Willard hotel and will open up an office here it is said. Congressman Woodyard will leave tonight for Pittsburgh on a business trip, returning here for Mrs. Woodyard before going to their home at Spencer, where Mr. Woodyard expects to continue his residence.

Mr. Hubbard will continue his practice of the law in Wheeling, and while no authorization of such a statement has come from him, it is well understood that he is ready to renew his campaign for the senatorship from West Virginia. While beaten in his fight for the senatorship by Senator Scott, who in turn was defeated by Senator Chilton, Mr. Hubbard has not yet given up hope of sitting in the Senate some day, and it is understood that he will enter the race for the full term, beginning March 4, 1913, to succeed Senator Watson. It is expected that he will have Senator Davis Elkins as an opponent for the place and possibly one or two other Republicans may want the position.

Mr. Sturgis will return to his practice and look after his industrial interests at Morgantown. Mr. Gaines will resume the practice of law at Charleston, and probably neither of them will again aspire to public office. It was rumored that Mr. Gaines would be strongly supported for congressman at large from West Virginia, under the new apportionment, but the apportionment bill did not pass at the last session of Congress and unless the

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TARIFF QUESTION MAY BE PASSED ON

As to Extra Session of Congress by Ways and Means Committee.

PENSION GRANTED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Isaac R. Nichols has been granted a pension of \$24 a month. He lives at Union, Nicholas county. Monteville M. Bothwell of Charleston has been granted a pension of \$30 a month. Mrs. Ethel Martin will go to Kaysers tonight on a visit.